responsibilities and respective capabilities' in order to achieve the objectives of the convention. While the actions of the developed countries should include deep and ambitious targets for emission reduction in the second commitment period (post 2012) of the Kyoto Protocol, the actions of the developing countries will depend on the support in terms of finance and technology provided by the developed countries.

While India has already taken a number of steps, on its own, to adapt to and mitigate climate change impacts in the interest of sustainable development, India will take further voluntary and nationally appropriate actions for addressing climate change impacts strictly in accordance with the priorities and objectives laid down under its National Action Plan for Climate Change.

Human-tiger conflict

2673. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn the recent incidents of tigers straying out of the wild into human habitat;

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to take any special measures to reduce human-tiger conflict and to keep tiger population healthy and surviving; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Incidents of tigers straying into human dominated landscapes have been reported by States, time to time. Detailed guidelines/advisories have been issued for addressing the human-tiger conflicts under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger.

Amendment to environmental clearance procedures

2674. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing environmental clearance procedures that are being followed by Government;

(b) whether Government proposes to amend these procedures;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the proposed amendments; and

(e) by when the environment clearance procedures would be amended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The developmental projects/ activities listed in the schedule to the

Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 are appraised from environmental angle as per the procedure prescribed there under, which include; screening, scoping, public consultation and appraisal.

(b) to (e) The EIA Notification, 2006 has been amended recently on 1st December, 2009. The amendments made *inter-alia* include; (i) Decision of State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) to be taken by majority, (ii) Coal mine projects with lease area up to 150 ha will now be appraised by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) as against earlier limit of less than 50 ha, (iii) Biomass based power plants up to 15 MW have been exempted from EIA Notification, (iv) Power plants based on non hazardous municipal solid wastes have been exempted from EIA Notification and (v) Information regarding grant of environmental clearance along with stipulated conditions to be put in public domain for Category 'A' projects.

Poaching of tigers and leopards

2675. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an investigation carried out by the international NGO, Environmental investigation Agency, has revealed that tiger and leopard skins and body parts openly sold in China and Tibet, are of Indian origin;

(b) whether the demand for such items in China/Tibet would spurt as China readies to celebrate 2010 as the Year of the Tigers;

(c) whether a delegation from the National Tiger Conservation Authority is likely to visit China to discuss the issue of tiger and leopard poaching; and

(d) whether it is a fact that China is having tiger farms where the animal is bred commercially and thus in captivity against international wild life conservation norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Environmental Investigation Agency, a foreign NGO, claims certain wildlife articles of tiger, leopard and elephant on display or offer for sale, at certain places in China to have been sourced from India in general.

(b) There are reports in certain sections of media about the possibility of increased demand for tiger body parts in the year 2010.

(c) India has a bilateral protocol with China on tiger conservation, within the ambit of which delegations from both countries have met.

(d) It is learnt that China has captive breeding farms of tiger. India has strongly appealed to China and other countries at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora (CITES) to restrict such operations to a level supportive of wild tiger conservation.